



## TRAFFIC SAFETY AND PARKING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, January 9, 2008 - 7:00 pm

San Bruno City Hall  
567 El Camino Real  
San Bruno, CA 94066

## MINUTES

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS -

#### A. ROLL CALL

<u>TSPC Members:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
(Acting Chair) Mark Howard	X	
Sol Weiner (Vice-Chair)	X	
Tom Hamilton	X	
Doris Maez	X	
Eric Wood	X	

#### Staff in Attendance:

Steve Davis, Public Works Department  
Frans Lind, Public Works Department  
Geoff Caldwell, Police Department

Public in Attendance Total: 4

City Clerk Carol Bonner swore in new member Tom Hamilton.

### 2. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Found the agenda satisfactory.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following corrections were noted by Doris Maez: (1) on page 2, paragraph 5, "this location also comes through a school" should state "this location comes near a school"; (2) page 3, under Item 6, change "they reviewed what would serve the community bicyclists as well as children" to "they reviewed what would serve the commuter bicyclists as well as recreational bicyclists"; and (3) page 3, Item 7, change "Doris Maez also stated at the foot of Fleetwood and Crestwood there is a three-way stop and the two-way stops going northbound on Crestwood are routinely ignored. Each night at six there is a big commuter back up and traffic does not stop at these stop signs. We need to enforce this." To "Doris Maez also stated at the foot of Fleetwood and Crestwood there is a three-way stop. During the evening commute, northbound motorists using Crestwood to avoid the backup at the 280/380 merge near Sneath Lane routinely ignore the stop sign at Crestwood and Fleetwood. We need to enforce this." Motion to approve the January 2008 minutes as amended was made by Sol Weiner, second by Eric Wood (M/Weiner, S/Wood: 4-0-0) Approved.

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**4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

None

**5. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Election of new TSPC Chair and Vice-Chair for 2008**

Eric Wood nominated Mark Howard as Chair, second by Doris Maez. Sol Weiner nominated Eric Wood for Vice-Chair, second by Mark Howard. Motion to approve as noted above was made by Sol Weiner, second by Doris Maez (M/Weiner, S/Maez: 5-0-0) Approved.

**B. Consideration of alternative Traffic Markings and Controls at the Intersection of DeSoto Way and Santa Lucia Avenue – (Continued from December 5, 2007)**

Steve Davis introduced the TSPC requested additional information regarding this issue from the December 2007 meeting:

1. The warrants for the approval for the existing stop signs at the northern intersection of Santa Lucia and DeSoto. Staff researched information with the City Clerk's office and was shown they were approved by the City Council in 1957. There was no information available to justify their installation.
2. The evaluation of the adequate curb ramps for disabled pedestrians revealed this intersection is substandard and in need of improvements.
3. City staff observation showed the volume of the Santa Lucia leg to be insufficient to meet the volume warrant for a stop sign. Staff recommendation for the stop sign on Santa Lucia is based upon insufficient sight distance.

Staff proposes replacing the yield sign with a new stop sign on the eastern Santa Lucia leg of the intersection of Santa Lucia and DeSoto. Note it has been reconfigured to better accommodate pedestrian crossing and to mitigate the sight distance with the installation of 75 feet of red curb on DeSoto.

Doris Maez requested keeping the stop ahead sign that was recommended in the December packet attachment, as well as a notice to drivers that cross traffic does not stop. This may require another sign on Santa Lucia. She also proposes eliminating one of the crosswalks on DeSoto. We could get rid of the north and south end crosswalks and instead have a crosswalk across Santa Lucia (at the north intersection) to the left. The existing ADA ramp at Santa Lucia (north intersection) could then be put to use.

Mark Howard commented that staff showed this intersection to have insufficient traffic for a three way stop, but 150 feet away does warrant this. Steve Davis responded that City staff does not have the warrants for when the original three way stop was created, but this was not part of the traffic calming program that was requested by the TSPC. The goal was realigning this one leg of Santa Lucia (at the southerly intersection) for creating a safe path to and from school for the neighborhood.

Mark Howard responded that his request at the last meeting was to evaluate moving the three way stop from its current location to DeSoto and Santa Lucia, where it would probably be better served. For removing crosswalks, a special hearing is required, and in the State of California the end of a sidewalk is considered a crosswalk, so removing a crosswalk is not really necessary.

Doris Maez confirmed that they are school crossings. Eric Wood commented that the northbound DeSoto existing stop could be moved back in order to save moving both stop signs at the northerly intersection. Mark Howard commented this is a good idea.

Steve Davis stated we could make a minor modification in the prior approval to make these changes.

Tom Hamilton commented that the left turn to head into the park is a tight turn. Steve Davis replied there is sufficient sight distance at this location. Mark Howard commented that the red curbing would give a good line of sight.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Jim Evangelist, 105 DeSoto, likes the recommendations made. This protects drivers coming from the western side of Santa Lucia.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED**

Eric Wood made a motion to accept the following staff and Committee recommendations: (1) Replacement of the "yield" sign control on SLA with a "STOP" sign control; (2) Realignment of the street intersection centerlines from about 60 degrees to about 90 degrees; (3) Narrowing the width of SLA at the intersection for safety; (4) Painting a yellow crosswalk across SLA at its southerly intersection with DSW, only if a STOP sign is to be installed; (5) Staff further recommends retrofitting ADA ramps to both of the SLA at DSW intersections (north and south); (6) Relocate the existing stop sign on the east side of DeSoto from its current location at the northern most intersection with SLA to south leg of southernmost intersection of DSW and SLA; (8) Incorporate a "Stop Ahead" sign on the northwest corner of Cabrillo and Santa Lucia. Mark Howard seconded the motion. (M/Wood, S/ Howard: 5-0-0) Approved.

#### **C. Consideration of alternative parking and traffic markings on Crystal Springs Road between and including intersections of Donner and Oak/City Park Way**

Steve Davis stated about three years ago the Park and Rec Commission researched the parking situation at City Park and the City Engineer stated parking would be reviewed when Crystal Springs Road was repaved. The City has repaved Crystal Springs Road and is now looking at changing the parking arrangements on Crystal Springs between Oak and Donner from parallel to diagonal parking.

The staff report presents two plans:

Alternative One proposes retention of existing parallel curbside parking on both sides of the street section. No diagonal parking is proposed. All existing striping will remain. This includes crosswalks, except for the four-foot wide crosswalk extension at the westerly corner of Donner at Crystal Springs Avenues. A right turn lane for EB Crystal Springs to City Park Way could be added to reduce traffic delays during peak traffic periods. This would sustain 15 existing, curbside, parking spaces.

Alternative Two proposes diagonal parking along the Crystal Springs Avenue curbing. This proposed parking is along the City Park side of Crystal Springs. This diagonal parking will replace the marked, existing, parallel curbside parking. The existing, nine, total curbside parking spaces on the north side of the street section (along St. Roberts Church) are not marked and will remain unchanged. This would provide about 20 parking spaces.

The difference between the two is that the diagonal parking is in direct conflict with motorists traveling in the through traffic lane and motorists moving out of diagonal parking spaces. Currently there is 28 feet of space at this location. Eight feet is utilized for parking, leaving 20 feet for vehicles to maneuver in and out of parking spaces and still have room for passing vehicles.

To accommodate the diagonal parking, there would be a conflict with through traffic and the individuals moving in and out of parking spaces. Alternative Two is the City staff preferred recommendation. Staff could paint a solid lane edge line that would be almost seven feet behind the back of the parking spaces, so it would provide a buffer for vehicles. This would require shifting the centerline, but would reduce the chance of vehicle conflict.

Alternative Three proposes installing the diagonal parking without altering the centerline. This is the least desirable alternative.

Mark Howard asked about his previous question about timed parking at this location. Steve Davis stated this issue was not analyzed, as the City staff does not have the data on the utilization of parking at this location. Steve Davis stated this could be done if the TSPC requested this. Mark Howard responded that the Park and Rec staff might be able to give some feedback on this. This would relieve some of the parking issues at City Park, but doesn't want cars parked overnight. He would like to see some of the parking near the trees on City Park Way converted into motorcycle parking.

Steve Davis responded that several residents have called with concerns on this issue. One concern is the stop sign at Donner and Crystal Springs is believed to have insufficient sight distance when making a left hand turn when vehicles are parked on Crystal Springs, but staff has not researched this.

Mark Howard felt that should be reviewed as a separate issue. He asked for City staff to evaluate this for the future meeting.

Doris Maez stated she does not see any walkway for the new parking spaces. Steve responded there is a sidewalk there. She also stated that at a recent MTC workshop, they discussing "back-in" parking as an option to solve the problem of passing bicyclists being hit by doors opening and this would solve the sight distance problem at this location. The staff report states the 85% speed is 34 mph, but this does not seem correct.

Eric Wood stated that Alternative Two creates a problem of space limitation with parking on the opposite side if we move the centerline. This will make the crosswalk at Donner very tight. Mark Howard commented that before the crosswalk is moved, City staff should evaluate the layout for effectiveness.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENED**

Ray Giovannoni, 1501 Donner Avenue, stated he sees drivers racing up and down Crystal Springs and do not stop at the stop sign. He'd like to install speed bumps and make this a three way stop. Diagonal parking could be dangerous for drivers, so parallel parking is the way to go. Sundays for church and summertime is the only time the parking is full. Traffic is busy early in the morning and late at night.

Georgine Giovannoni, 1501 Donner Avenue, stated there have been at least four accidents at this intersection that they have seen. She would like City staff to consider that we have lost three parking spaces. The red curbing is growing and we should have one side of the park without red curbing. These people should be in the park and not in the residential neighborhood. A turning lane in front of Donner will take one of our last parking spaces. At the crosswalk that goes across Crystal Springs one of the trees needs to be taken down for visibility, and there is a fence that is about 4 feet long that discourages people from walking down the hill into the parking lot, but this also makes visibility of small children walking there poor. Adding another crosswalk would help. If drivers see two crosswalks, they may stop. Every third car does not stop at the stop sign, so some attention needs to be brought to this stop. The letter from Frans Lind stated that bike lanes could be added to this location, but this would encourage bicyclists to travel along roads that are too narrow already.

Steve Davis responded that a bike lane is not part of this staff recommendation.

Georgine asked about installation of lights in the crosswalks. Mark Howard responded that they are very expensive to install. He recommended writing a letter to Frans regarding the stop at Donner and Crystal Springs and get as many neighbors as possible to support your recommendations. This is an enforcement issue as well.

Dewey Faoro, 345 Palomar Court, stated the curbs need to be painted red at Crystal Springs and Donner because too many cars block the visibility when you are driving.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD CLOSED**

Mark Howard would like to review these issues as part of the work being done but does not want to delay the work being done.

Sol Weiner asked if the TSPC can meet with the Park and Rec Commission to see what their goals are with this request.

Doris Maez commented for the risk involved with vehicles backing out into traffic, even with the buffer zone, it still is not a good idea.

Eric Wood commented that if nothing is done with the parking, he still likes the buffer zone idea.

Tom Hamilton stated traffic safety is an issue and Donner at Crystal Springs, which is more important than extra parking spaces.

Eric Wood confirmed that the Park and Rec Commission developed this request due to a need for additional parking at City Park.

Mark Howard commented that timed parking may be more effective to gain parking spaces, as many vehicles are not moved for extended periods of time.

Steve Davis asked if City staff could review the issues raised and bring some alternatives back to the Committee.

Mark Howard recommended reviewing the issue of installing a bike lane, which would benefit bicyclists and slow down traffic.

Mark Howard made a motion to approve Alternative One without the bulb out and have staff do an evaluation regarding the three-way stop at Donner, put together a proposal that includes a bicycle lane from Oak to Donner. Eric Wood seconded the motion. (M/Howard, S/ Wood: 5-0-0) Approved.

**D. 2008 TSPC Meeting Schedule**

Steve Davis stated that at the last meeting the TSPC discussed taking a vacation on one month during 2008. Mark Howard made a motion to cancel the August 2008 meeting and keep the July meeting as scheduled for July 2, 2008; Doris Maez seconded the motion. (M/Howard, S/Maez: 5-0-0) Approved.

**6. REPORT OF COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

Doris Maez stated the Bike and Pedestrian Committee reviewed the upcoming annual review presentation to the City Council and future goals for 2008. Also covered was a review of applications for 2008/2009 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding through C/CAG for continuation of a bike lane along Huntington to Herman Street, ending at Tanforan Avenue.

**7. COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

None

**8. COMMENTS FROM STAFF**

Steve Davis stated City staff is putting together a TDR application to fund the bike lanes improvements from Huntington to Sneath Lane.

Sergeant Caldwell responded to Sol Weiner previous request regarding the airport parking issue with the limousines. This issue has been resolved and the police department is informing drivers that there is parking now available for them at the airport. Mark Howard asked if any items the Police Department

is working relevant to the TSPC could be shared with the Committee on a regular basis, so the attending public and the Committee have a current status on these issues.

**9. ADJOURNMENT –**

Motion: To adjourn the Traffic Safety and Parking Committee (TSPC) meeting until it's next regular scheduled meeting on January 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

(M/Weiner, S/Maez): 4-0-0 - Approved. Meeting Adjourned, 9 pm.